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Attn. Tom Premo

Tom, there is a long history behind the problem you have mentioned in your memo of June 21.

I feel it is understood by all, however, that all you need to do is just repeat it that the word clinic was used in the original policy with the association because certain institutions that were actually hospitals used that term in their title. It was not intended to give benefits for services in a clinic composed of a group of doctors practicing together.

This is the reason it was qualified so that if the place actually met the definition of a hospital but rather than using sanitarium or hospital in the title, the term clinic was used.

Of course, you know also that occasionally in other areas there are arrangements similar to that of Mayo Clinic with the hospitals in the Rochester area. The hospitals in that area do not maintain X-ray and lab departments. Whenever an individual is hospital confined in one of these institutions and has X-ray and laboratory work done by the clinic, we take those items that would normally be hospital miscellaneous items from the clinic bill and consider them with our hospital miscellaneous. The Mayo Clinic breaks down their bill to show the portion of services given in the hospital.

In regard to your specific question, if you cannot find the Cleveland Clinic or the John Hopkins Clinic listed in the American Hospital Association Guide, I would not consider paying any charges unless possibly the person were actually hospital confined.

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